

Pope's Comment

UPON THE TEN Commandments

The PREFACE

THere's one **LAWGIVER** able to destroy,
But save Believers in Eternal Joy.
 The Words which **CHRIST** hath spoken shall be true,
 And from Gods Laws his **JUDGMENTS** will not fall.
 Popes make **LAWGIVERS** new in every Age,
 Who multiply new **LAW'S** upon the Stage.
 But this Distinction shows they disagree,
 They all can kill, yet none can live but He.
 Gods Law is perfect: **Mens Laws** are not so.
 Gods Laws are just, whether to Friend, or Foe.
 Gods Law (once made) for ever shall endure.
 Mens Laws repeal'd, new made, and never sure.

Commandment I

Gods Laws allow no **GODS** but *Only One.*
 Popes make more Gods than Stars, or Days are known.
 Yea, Sun, and Moon, and Stars adored be;
 Is there a **D A Y** from Adoras on free?

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Popes

Popes ALMANACKS are cloyed with Red Names,
 Which (thus ador'd) their VOTARIES ename:
 Although (already) Places are so scant,
 SIMON and JUDE they crowd in Out, for want
 All Saints together jumbled in one Day;
 All Souls another, unto whom they pray.
 Yet They (poor souls) commit all sins to have
 A common name when is the *Grave*.
 God-Fathers, and God-Mothers, Bishops, Kings,
 Images, Pictures, Crosets, and such things;
Makes of Christ's four Images; Sins all,
 Popes (VIRGIN-QUEEN of HEAVEN) her infall.
 Who next but MOTHER CHURCH? that Scarlet WHORE
 Catholick, Common, Churches Sons adore:
 Yea FATHERS of the Church (of the same Blood;
 And HUSBANDS too) of that incestuous blood
 But that which is than all the rest most strange
 THEMSELVES they call the Church, and Sexes change.
 Though the sublimest Church, and God of all,
 Is there GOD-POPE, and every CARDINAL:
 BELL-CHURCHES also built of Iron and Stone
 Thus (when they please) they All, or any own.
 But how came POPES this Power all to have?
 Forsooth! their FATHER-DEVIL them gave.
 The Devil offer'd Christ once to bestow,
 All Kingdoms (with their Glories) here below,
 Which he refus'd: But since to P^{ope} are given
 All Kingdoms of this World, and KEY of Heaven.
 Alas! CHRIST knew not how to cringe and bow,
 POPES can do All, and all adore them now.
 Poor Soul! Christ had not Pride enough to bring
 MAJESTY due unto one earthly KING.
 POPES give more Titles, Glories, in one Day,
 To all those Kings who only them obey,
 Than CHRIST Himself did over here assume;
 And over Kings, or Caesars, did presume.

Commandment II.

GOD blasts all *Worship* but his own with *Envy*;
GOPES command all to *Angels, Monks, and Devils*;
 Popes make both *Gods* and *Worships* more and more;
 Popes make **GODMAKERS** to increase their *Store*;
 Popes make **PREISTS, BISHOPS, CARDINALS**; and *They*
 Make **WAFER GODS** by *Thousands* in a *Day*;
 Those **IDOL GODS** must all *adored* be;
 Yea, **WAFER-FLESH**, and **BLOOD** (unseen) must *be* **INGESTED**;
 A *Task* too hard for *Barren ASS* readers;
 Though *God* gives *Eyes*, men have no *sight*, sure;
 Saints worship **GOD** in *Psalms*, and *Hymns*, and *Songs*;
 They in all *Gestures*; also unknown *Tongues*.
 And when they come their **PA-GOD-POPE** before,
KINGS kneel to *his* the **SLEEPER** of the *where*;
 Drunk with the *Wine* of *Fornication*;
Kings reel into their own *Damnation*;
 Their **WAFER-GODS** with *Latin-Charms* they hallow,
 Which *People* (thousands) in a *Moment* swallow.
 The *Three-crown'd* little **HORN** here doth enter;
 To change both *Times*, and *Law* be doth adventure
 Blaspheming **GOD**, and wearing out the *Saints*.
 The **WITNESSES** to *kill* be never faint;
 And in the *Streets* their *Corn* lye in dead *Letter*;
 The **NATIONS** see them, but are not the *better*.
Mornings and *Evenings* are their **WITNESS** read
 But *Hearers* (like the **WITNESSES**) are *dead*.
 For though *Gods Doctrine* read once, and *again*,
 They hear the *Word* of *God*, but *they* **MEN**.
 For with his **MARK** the **BEAST** so doth *conquer*;
 That all *Gods words* pass thorough both the *Ears*.
 When **PRIESTS** (found perjured *Troopers*) hanged are,
 They worship **RELIQUES** of their *Blood* and *Hair*.
 Cart-loads of **CROSSES**, *Maries Crown* of *Silk*,
Rags, *Nails*, *Bones*, *Stones*, & *Maries VIRGIN-MILK*.

'Twould *Horses* tire, *Legions* of *Saints* to read;
 With all their **IDOL-PRAYERS** to the Dead;
 Yet that they may their *Time* in *Worship* spend,
 Their **BEADS** and **CROSSES** round can have no End.
IDOLATRY, God pardons not at all, Will child nor
 But every *Eye* and *Ear* takes *Sins* of *obedience* **CHILD**
 Yea, every *Hand* is **EXECUTIONER**, Who did make
 God bids no *wife*, nor *Son*, nor *Daughter* spare.
Kings, *Princes*, *Prophets*, *Nations*, shall not escape,
 God makes it as a **VINTAGE** of the *Grape*,
 Five *Midian-Kings*, and *Kingdoms* were destroyed, **IDOL**
 And **PHINEAS** his *Priest* bid to *slay* **WATER**
 Yea, two and thirty *Kings*, and *Nations*, not hard to **SLA**
 Were all destroyed with their *Statues*, and *Idols*,
 Who are they then more *merciful* than **GOD**?
 They spill the *Child*, because they spare the **ROD**:
 Chusing **IDOLATERS** to *rule*, and *kill*,
 All **NON-IDOLATERS** at their own *Will*,
GOD (therefore) sends **IDOLATERS** to *kill* us,
 Because we *kill* not **THEM** as *God* doth *will* us.

Commandment III.

GODS NAME IN VAIN, *Christ* bid **SWEAR NOT AT ALL**:
POPEs command **ALL** to swear, both *great* and *small*;
 Swear must both *rich* and *poor*, both *bond* and *free*,
 None must escape (this) **MARK** of **CRUELTY**,
 With the right hand held up this **MARK** is took;
 Swearing (unknown) *Customs* and *his* the **BOOK**:
 'Tis the **BEASTS** *Mark*, the fatal **MARK** of **HELL**,
 Without which none may freely *buy*, or *sell*,
 On this *Beast's* **MARK** are founded all their **LAWS**,
 This *Beast's* **MARK** also **WORSHIP** overaws
 All *Popish-Courts* have **OATHS** at their command;
 Without an *Oath* no **POPISH-COURT** can stand,
 In *Popish-Courts* no **JUSTICE** can be had,
 But whar with **OATHS**, and **SACRAMENTS** are clad,

And

And though by OATHS *Conspiracies* are made, mid gnuetque
Yet they allow FALSE SWEARING as their Trade, to
For so *Demetrius* Art comes in by Stealth, and (as) the
By CRAFT of Oaths they know they get their Wealth
All PAPISTS cast away Gods Laws, and then
They swear, and only Keep the Law of Man;
Can men believe for this the LAND must *turn*? To do so
Yea must (for OATHS) lie *wast* and all *forlorn*?
O brave-soul'd-QUAKERS, who all OATHS withstood;
In sight of Laws, of Prisons, of Famine, of Blood:
And yet can live in Peace, and Trade, and gain,
Thus proving SWEARING-OATHS to be in vain,
He that will swear, will lie (the Proverb saith)
He that will lie, will swear (both of like Faith)
What's more than YEA, or NAY, Christ saith is EVIL;
Whence comes all SWEARING then but from the DEVIL?
Us'd to infame the CONSCIENCE of the Just,
To plot all TREASONS, or deceive all TRUST.

Commandment IV.

GODS SABBATH is the SEVENTH DAY of Rest,
Which GOD did *hallow* after SIX, and *bless*;
POPEs (more than all the Six) the SEVENTH prophane,
And (in its stead) the FIRST-DAY do *ordain*.
Rest (God commands) when we have labour'd SIX;
Pope do (before all Labour) REST prefix.
God makes the DAY from Even unto Night;
Pope from the Morning to next Morning Light.
GOD links (in a day) in Week (as in a Chain);
POPEs break all Times, and Weeks, and Links as vain.
Men therefore blush not to blaspheme, and say,
CHRIST was the CHANGLING, & did change the DAY
Thus (breaking Gods own Law) make CHRIST a Sinner,
And of all SABBATH-BREAKING the Beginner.
Yea, because Christ of Sabbath-Day is LORD,
To change it therefore he doth thus accord:

Supposing

Supposing him (as PRODIGALS) to spend,
 Or lose, or change his BIRTHRIGHT to no end.
 The Father (thus) and Son are set at Odds,
 (As Heathen fancy of their IDOL-GODS:)
 As if the Father ended with Creation,
 Or Jesus were confined to Salvation:
 And both of THEM at strife which greater were,
 Or which of THEM did best deserve the CHAIR.
 If all these fail, then every day is holy,
 Which to make good, their CHURCH maintain this Folly.
 No wonder then their Almanacks they gild;
 With glutted Names of Saints and Angels fill'd.
 Or else their Wits must (with the WORLD) go round,
 And so ONE Day is either lost, or found.
 Fools (as they are) not heeding how the SUN
 Doth carry on the DAY since he begun.
 Here some do *Ioshuahs-Sun* (stilly) object;
 Others on *Hezekiabs* do reflect:
 But *Ioshuahs* SOLSTICE was computed then,
 And *Hezekiabs* Sun turn'd back agen.
 For Prophets (with the People) the Suns Race
 Did so direct, that SABBATHS keep their place;
 But then (at last) who can tell which is which?
 Though *Jews*, and *Turks*, and *Popes* may unbewitch.
 They all three wimes which of these should stand,
 Since each doth bring the SEVENTH-DAY to hand.
 'TURKS keep the SIXTH, prove SEVENTH not yet come:
 POPES keep the FIRST, the *Seventh's* lost at Rome.
 Thus JEWS (alone) do fill the SEVENTH, keep,
 A PETER did between 200 SOLDIERS sleep;
 And CHRIST between two THIEVES was crucified;
 So 'twixt the SIXTH & FIRST, the SEVENTH'S decried.

Commandment V.

With PROMISE God hath crown'd this FIFTH Command,
 As these few Lines may give to understand.

Honour

Honour thy **PARENTS** all with **HONOUR** due,
 That in thy *Land* thy *Days* may not be few;
 The **POPE** cries **CORBAN**, (leave the *Mother Church*),
 And give her **ALL**; leave *Parents* in the *Church*.
 But yet of *Parents* all **GOD** is the **FIRST**,
SONS that obey not him, are **Sons accursed**.
 For **HE** is *Parent* of all *Parents*; **HE**
 Before all *Parents* must obeyed be.
Father of Fathers; *King of Kings* most high;
GOD lives for ever, but all **MEN** must die.
 And yet the *Pope* doth proudly *arrogate*,
 Hee's **GOD** of **GODS**; or least **GODS** **SURROGATE**:
 And by *Christs Rule* greatest to be of *All*,
Servant of Servants: He himself doth call.
 He takes the *Title* of a cursed **CHAM**,
 Heads the **WOLF** in *Title* of a **LAMB**.
 The *Son* of **MARY** was both **GOD** and **MAN**;
 The **POPE** is neither, is He **DEVIL** then?
 If *Kings* and *Parents* then will be obeyed,
 Let them serve **God** themselves, or be afraid.
 If **SONS** and **SUBJECTS** know not which to obey,
 Ask *Conscience* **GOD** or **MAN**, which will it say?

Commandment VI.

Thou shalt not commit **MURDER** (saith the *Lord*).
 But I may (saith the **POPE**) I have the *Sword*.
 'Tis the *Priests Office* for to *kill*, and *slay*
 Of *Sacrifices* *Thousands* in a *Day*.
 By *Jacobs Sons* *Seeborn*, and *Sons* all slain;
Meroz was *curs'd* that wore the *Sword* in vain.
 The *Levites* Execution did with **SWORD**,
 On *Brethren*, and on *Friends* at **MOSES** Word.
 How should we **HERETICKS** suppress if we
 Did not use *Poisons*, *Swords*, and *Treachery*?

Were't

Were't not for *Orbs*, and *Swords*, and penal *Laws*,
 Our CHURCH would starve with *Maggies* & *Jackdaws*,
 And *Church-men* might (as idle) go pick *Straws*.
 GOD saith his *Blood* that shed *Mans* shall be shed,
 Both *POPEs* and *KINGs* do pardon without *Dread*.
 But this *Command* brings *JUSTICE* to the *Bar*,
 Did Gods *Command* Gods *Justice* ever *marr*?
 To *reconcile* them both, the *SCOPE* comes in,
 Whether it were for *GOODNESS*, or for *SIN*.
 'Tis *sin* to do what *GOD* doth once *forbid*;
 'Tis *Goodness* to obey what *God* doth *bid*.
 'Tis *JUSTICE* then whom *God* commands to *kill*;
 'Tis *MURDER* (without *God*) *Mans* blood to *spill*.
 If *Princes* bid us murder, *kill*, and *slay*,
 The *Quest* on then is *new* which to *obey*:
SAINTS, or *IDOLATERS*, the *OBJECTS* be,
 Which we may *kill*, or we may let go *free*.
GOD kills *IDOLATERS*, of *SAINTS* takes *care*;
POPEs kill all *Saints*, *Idolaters* they *spare*.

Commandment VII.

A DULTERY forbidden is by God;
 And *FORNICATION* must feel the *Rod*.
Lascivious Words, and *Gestures*, *Looks* of *Eye*,
 Gods written *Word* doth in the *Heart* espie.
Unvoluntary DREAMS do *Man* defile;
 How pure is *God*! How impure *Man* and vile!
 All *Lust* (therefore) and *Sin* for to prevent,
 God ordains *MARRIAGE* sufficient.
 But *Popes* more holy far, and far more pure,
 All *BIBLEs* curse, and will not them endure.
 They forswear *Marriage*, as most prophane,
Catholick STEWS they rather do maintain.
 Yet for the *Vulgar LAITY* such *stuff*
 As solemn *Marriage* is good enough.

And

And for them made a holy SACRAMENT,
 Whence PRIESTS (as one of seven) gather Rent.
Licenses, Weddings, Child-beds, Christenings,
Churches, Whoredoms, Divorces profit bring.
 But Popes, Priests, Cardinals, and Orders holy,
 Forswear all MARRIAGES as costly Folly.
 Theirs is a far more *frugal* SACRAMENT.
 They swear a single Life of more *Content*.
 Their LUST they *satisfie* with little *Cost*.
 Without a TAMAR *Onans Seed is lost*.
 They sometimes get into a NUNNERY,
 And there increase their *sworn* VIRGINITY.
 By which means there's no want of VIRGINS *Milk*,
 To be ador'd with *Maries* GOWN of SILK.
 They sometimes WIVES *abjure*, and then they meet
 Two SACRAMENTS together in a SHEET.
 Sometimes young BOYS and GIRLS they *sancify*
 In exercising their VIRGINITY.
 And yet to be more *chast* and *innocent*,
 Their *Chastity's* on harmless TURKEYS *pent*.
 Now to conclude, God doth allow DEGREES
 Of keeping this COMMAND, and they are these.
 First (which is rare) a Life ANGELICAL;
 An EUNUCH (truly) EVANGELICAL;
 TO CHRIST an EUNUCH *wedded* as was PAUL.
 Next MAN and WIFE whom GOD hath join'd in ONE,
 As was in PARADISE PERFECTION.
 Lastly POLYGAMY Gods Word *commends*,
 Only to HUSBANDS; never unto WIVES.
 Unless the Husband's *gone*, or Husband's *dead*,
 Then WIVES are given to another *Bed*.
 All other *Adixture* (painted ne'er so well)
 If they repent nor, God condemns to HELL.
 All White-sheets, Money Penns, or cannot bide
 Black SODOMY, nor WHOREDOM of the *Bride*.
 Gods holy Eye will pardon no such *Evil*.
 They all came (from) and must go (to) the *Dog*.

 Commandment VIII.

STeal not (saith GOD) unless *five*, or *four* fold
 Thou shalt *restore*; if *poor* thou shalt be *sold*.
 Tush (saith the POPE) all this is too much *Pity*,
 And that (the Proverb saith) will spoil the *City*.
THIEVES (if they live) may live to *steal* again,
 And so all rich Men gather *Wealth* in vain.
 Hang up the *Thief*, then he can steal no more;
 Let **WIFE** and **CHILDREN** beg from door to door.
 Hang *Thieves*, confiscate all their *Goods* to **ME**;
 To terrifie, starve their **POSTERITY**.
JEWS did but plunder *Mutton*, *Beef*, or *Meat*;
 Now *Treasures*, *Crowns*, and *Kingdoms* men dare steal.
 Rich men had rather **LIFE** than **MONEY** *lose*;
 (If put to choice) they rather *Death* would *choose*.
 Besides; this was the old way of the **JEWS**,
 Which is not *lawful* (now) for us to *use*.
Wealth answers *All*; **GOD-MAMMON** of this *Life*,
 For whom all **KINGDOMS** have a constant *strife*.
 But if that Men do covet to obtain
 Their **OWN**; and *Thieves* restore it back again;
 They *guilty* are of the same **THEFT** as *They*,
 And both may hang together in a *Day*.
 The reason's plain, as all men now may see,
 For **THIEVES** did *steal* from *Them*, and *They* from **ME**.

 Commandment IX.

GOD saith that thou *false Witness* shall not *bear*,
 Much less *commands* he any for to *swear*.

the Ten COMMANDMENTS.

Such as the **WITNESS** is, such is his **WORD**.
 In sight of **OATHS**, of **HECTORS**, or the **SWORD**.
WITNESS can go no further than his *Eye*,
 Or *Ear*, if *Tongues of Speakers* do not *lie*.
 None are Gods **WITNESSES** who speak not true;
LIES are but for the **DEVIL**, and his **CREW**.
 Alas! how then could *Popish-Plots* take place,
 If swearing **LIES** did not the **TRUTH** *disface*?
 Popes **IRISH-EVIDENCE** would be in *vain*,
 If swearing *Lies* could not those *Lies maintain*.
 And they Ten Thousand **WITNESSES** and Ten,
 Have all in readiness to swear like *Men*.
 Implicit *Faith*, and blind *Obedience*,
 And *Merits* of the **CHURCH** deprive their *Sense*.
MILLIONS there are that care not what they *say*,
 Or *swear*, or do, or *suffer* in a *Day*.
 Nay, how would **JUDGES** know what *Course* to *steer*,
 If swearing *Lies* in **LAW** refused were?
 The **POPE** might all the *Kingdom* gain by **LAW**,
 Could *He* but all their *Jurors* *over-awe*.
JEZEBEL *Naboth's Vineyard* had not got,
 Had *She* not **BELIAL** **WITNESS** in the *Plot*.
 Dissenters (thus) from **CHRIST** all others *mock*,
 And bring the **POPES** *Dissenters* to the *Block*.

Commandment X.

THOU SHALT NOT COVET; 'tis the **ROOT** of **EVIL**;

It never came from **GOD**, but from the **DEVIL**.

Covet no Neighbours *Servant*, *House*, nor *Wife*;

Nor ought of his that may engender *Strife*.

COVETOUSNESS, the **DROPSY** of the **MIND**;

They more *desire*, and not *enough* can *find*.

Though all they *ask* they *have*, yet not *content*;

The **Mind's** unsatisfied; discontent.

More WORLDS from *Alexanders* with, *Idolatry*
 King AHAB pin'd for *Naboths Vineyard*
 That dumb GOD-MAMMON living without *Language*
 In rich mens *Hearts*, and gives to all men *Tongues*
 A GOD that can do *naught*, and yet makes MEN
 Do all things, which to write affright my *Pen*
 The *Price* of Souls (which they to make *allerts*)
 Join HELL (with *Wealth* to boot) to weigh down *Heaven*
 FATHER of POPES, begetting CARDINALS
 And KINGS that are most *rich*, most *happy* calls
 Yet *Skins* for Skin (saith *Satan*) what men have
 (If *sick*) they freely give their *Lives* to *save*
 But *corruptious* (although in perfect *Health*)
 Will rather part with *LIFE*, than part with *WEALTH*
 What *profit* (JESUS saith) the *WORLD* to *gain*,
 And so expose the *SOUL* to endless *pain*?
 POPES (to be sure) *agreement* make with *HELL*,
 And with the *KEYS* of *HEAVEN* live too well
 Yet to the *GODLY*, God hath ever *sent*,
 Both *FOOD* and *RAIMENT* to their own *Content*
 But what *Content* can proud POPES ever have,
 Who seek all *KINGS* and *KINGDOMS* to *assuage*?
 Who claim both *HEAVEN*, *HELL* & *PURGATORY*,
 Yes, *PARADISE*, and all supposed *GLORY*
 Go on (ye mad-brain'd *PAPISTS*) boast your *POPE*,
 'Twere well your *TORMENTS* ended in a *ROPE*.

Funis coronat opus.

DOMINUS DEUS NOSTER PAPA. *Papist*
 DOMINUS DEUS NOSTER PASCHA. *Presellant*

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BY many *Kings and Parliaments* (in Print)
Are BIBLES published: To be a *first*
For all *Mens* ACTIONS, what to *say*, or *do*;
To learn what's (truly) *wise*, and *good*, and *true*.
Here *Kings*, and *Beggars* learn SALVATION,
Or else are *doomed* to DAMNATION.
For God sends strong DELUSIONS to all those,
Who LIES do *love*, and will Gods TRUTH *oppose*.
All LAWS *approved* are, that with it *join*;
All LAWS are *void* that from it ought *part*.
For by this *Word* of God this WORLD is *doomed*,
When MEN, and Mens RECORDS are all *intomb'd*.
In that great Day when POPES and KINGS shall call
To Mountains on their trembling *feet* to fall.
The WORD of GOD for ever doth *endure*;
The WORDS of Men are *Changlings*; never *sure*.
The WORD of GOD made Heaven, Earth, and *Sea*;
When POPES, or KINGS, can make a *Whale*, or *Flea*;

Then

Then will I quest'on whom I ought to say,
 Whether the Word of God, or what Men say.
 Gods WORD is perfect, that it makes a Man
 Perfect to all good Works which nought else can.
 Gods WORD is perfect; none may to it add,
 Nor yet diminish; for both GOD forbid.
 He that doth add, PLAGUES to him added be;
 And he that takes away, no LIFE shall see.
 No MEN, nor ANGELS, other Word may preach;
 Or else abused be, that so will teach.
 What TRAITORS then are They who without SHAME,
 Do preach DAMNATION to anothers BLAME?
 Who act INJUSTICE with so high a Hand,
 As if INJUSTICE were by Gods COMMAND.
 When Treasons, Murders, Plots, and Perjuries;
 When LIES must pass for TRUTH, and Truth for Lies;
 When MASSAGRES go on in MASQUERADE,
 As if all tolerated in a SHADE;
 Then curst are THEY who without Fear, and Dread,
 Against the WORD of GOD dare add, or plaid.

Contra SCRIPTURAS nemo CHRISTIANUS. Aug.
 Magna est VERITAS, & prevalebit.

As the great SHIBBOLETH the BIBLE is,
 For CHRIST to try who are, and are not HIS.

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